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## **AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 11, 2006. Please amend claims 1 and 8 and cancel claims 14-22 without prejudice as shown in the following listing of all pending claims. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 3-8, and 10-13 in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.